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25X1 1. [REDACTED] Sawmills Nos. 22, 24, 25, and 27 [REDACTED] are located on the east bank of Dvina River, below Arkhangelsk (N 64-34, E 40-32).
 25X1 All the mills are built of waste wood.

25X1 2. The quay at Sawmill No. 22 is believed to be at Kuryaryets, and although it can berth only one ship at a time, the depth alongside is reported to be 24 feet. [REDACTED] ship drew 17 feet, 3 inches when it sailed from Arkhangelsk.

25X1 3. [REDACTED] there were two, special-purpose vessels in the river. [REDACTED] these ships [REDACTED] "crane vessels", but [REDACTED] the cranes appeared to be rigged down at the time [REDACTED]. They appeared to be newly constructed ships, of about 2,000 to 3,000 tons dead weight, with square sterns and flared bows. The bridge superstructure, which was very high, was built well forward in the bow of the ship, and the engines were aft. The long waist had a freeboard of about only six inches. Both vessels were crowded with personnel.

25X1 4. When [REDACTED] entering the port, a Soviet Liberty ship was outward bound with a deck load of four, old-fashioned locomotives, and passenger cars, which appeared to be new. The No. 1 hatch contained what appeared to be a pontoon, or possibly a landing craft.

25X1 [REDACTED] this ship was one of four such vessels which had loaded at Arkhangelsk bound for Vladivostok (N 43-02, E 131-54).

5. [REDACTED] there was a shortage of pilots at Arkhangelsk at that time, because five of the regular pilots had been transferred to duty on the Igarka (N 67-30, E 86-35) run. This was a popular move with the pilots that were left, as it resulted in increased allowances.

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6. [redacted] when the ship was off Murmansk (N 68-38, E 33-05), a Soviet vessel of 4,000 to 5,000 tons dead weight came out from the Kola Inlet (N 69-15, E 33-30); it headed in a northwesterly direction.

25X1 There was some kind of superstructure in the well deck, between the after deck house and the bridge. The ship carried very many lifeboats, and [redacted] it may have been a troopship.

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7. Many trawlers were [redacted] operating between Svyatoy Nos (N 68-10, E 39-48), and Varanger Fjord (approximately N 70-00, E 30-00).

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